AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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According to a first embodiment, a method for maintaining a generally consistent level of water in a depleting body of water is provided that includes: a) providing a depleting body of water; b) providing a discharge unit laterally displaced from said depleting body of water; c) providing said discharge unit with a water inlet and a water outlet; d) providing a water conduit extending to said water inlet from a supply source of water; f) positioning said water outlet so as to transmit water in an above-ground trajectory laterally into said depleting body of water; g) determining a water depletion amount; h) establishing a water flow through said discharge device and out of said water outlet in said above-ground trajectory into said body of water based on the water depletion amount determined. In some preferred embodiments, the body of water is a swimming or wading pool for humans. In some embodiments, the pool is an above ground pool and in others it is an in-ground pool. In some embodiments, the body of water is a swimming pool and includes at least one water playing device (e.g., a diving board extending over said pool and/or a water slide extending over a side edge if said pool, and/or a water volley ball net extending laterally over said pool). In some embodiments, the outlet of said discharge unit is laterally displaced at least about two feet from said body of water, or preferably, at least about four feet from said body of water, or preferably, at least about eight feet from said body of water, or preferably, at least about ten feet from said body of water. In some embodiments, the discharge unit discharges water through said outlet at an inclination of between horizontal (90 degrees) and vertical (zero degrees), and preferably, at an inclination of between about 15 degrees and 75 degrees, and preferably, said discharge outlet is adjustable via an adjustment mechanism.

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In preferred embodiments, the discharge unit is configured such that the angle at which said discharge outlet discharges can be adjustable via an adjustment mechanism.

Page 6, second full paragraph, insert the following:

Preferably, the conduit 25 can be attached to the spigot 20 and/or to another external water source so as to provide a source of water to be discharged via the discharge unit 10. Preferably, opening of the spigot 20 causes water to be driven into the conduit 25 under pressure (e.g., as with a common commercial and/or house-hold water spigot). In preferred embodiments the discharge unit discharges substantially water from a source independent from said body of water, in which said source does not originate from said body of water. In preferred embodiments, in order to prevent water from freely passing through the discharge unit upon opening the spigot 20, a valve is provided that regulates passage of water through the discharge unit 10. The valve can be located, e.g., at any position between the spigot 20 and the outlet of the discharge unit 10. Preferably, however, the discharge unit houses such a valve.

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In most preferred embodiments of the invention, the present invention is utilized to replenish water loss due to evaporation and/or leakage rather than to replenish water temporarily removed via piping for re-circulation back to the water supply and/or in contrast to active water removed for other purposes. In preferred embodiments the discharge unit is entirely separate from a water re-circulation system from said body of water, such that water in said body of water is not re-circulated through said discharge unit. Water loss due to evaporation and/or leakage or the like may often occur at a relatively slow rate and/or may often occur at a relatively inconsistent rate. Among other things, some preferred embodiments of the present invention contemplate that water replenishment

using the discharge unit of the present invention will not typically occur for a prolonged period of time (e.g., throughout the day or during the entire run time of the water circulation system of the water body (e.g., the filtration system or conditioning system or the like). In preferred embodiments the discharge unit is entirely separate from a water filtration system of said body of water. On the other hand, in preferred embodiments, the discharge unit can be employed to periodically spray water into the body of water. In some embodiments, the discharge device can be operated so as to replenish water during non-use hours (e.g., during nighttime hours of operation). Alternatively, the discharge device can be operated to spray small amounts of water during increments during the day, such as for a decorative effect during normal operation. In some preferred embodiments, the discharge device will spray water directly into the body of water in a generally ~~streamlike~~ stream-like manner – e.g., using a generally constant cross-sectional flow and/or generally laminar flow in some embodiments. In some non-limiting illustrative embodiments, the amount of water replenishment can be, for example, about 10-100 gallons per day (e.g., in the environment of an illustrative typical pool of, e.g., about 600 square feet to 2500 square feet of surface area). In some non-limiting illustrative embodiments, the amount of water replenishment can correspond approximately (e.g., plus or minus about 25% or less or preferably plus or minus 10% or less) to the estimated evaporation rate loss equation provided in the ASHRAE Applications Handbook.